



## Official Laws of Pee-Wee Soccer

League rules have been established by Maple Valley Parks & Recreation for the benefit of the youth soccer players. Questions and/or rule clarifications should be addressed to the Parks & Recreation Department.

### Field Size

1. The playing field size will be 20 yards wide by 30 yards long. The length of the field shall always exceed the width.

### Ball Size

1. The official size ball to be used during all games and practices shall be size 3.

### Number of Players

1. Teams shall field 6 players: 2 defenders, 1 midfielder and 3 forwards. There shall be no goal keepers.
2. Teams will be coed in nature.
3. Teams must have a minimum of 2 defenders that must remain in their team's defensive half of the field. Defenders may cross into the attacking half while dribbling but must return to their half immediately after passing or losing possession of the ball. **Coaches must work with their defenders to remind them about the center line restriction.**

### Player Equipment

1. All players must wear shin guards during all practices and games, NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. All players must wear tennis-shoes or molded soccer cleats while participating. Metal cleats are strictly prohibited.
3. No player shall participate while wearing any hard cast or medical equipment deemed dangerous to the player or his/her opponents.
  - a. Players wishing to participate must have the medical equipment securely wrapped in bubble wrap and must provide medical clearance (i.e. a doctor's note) to the Parks & Recreation Department before the player may participate.

### Substitutions

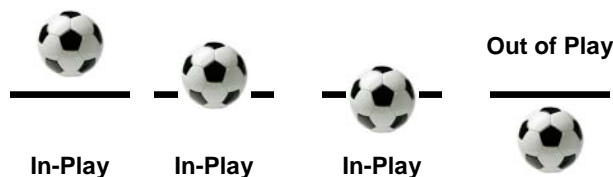
1. Teams may substitute any number of players on any dead ball – out of bounds, penalty, etc. (a team does not need to have possession of the ball in order to substitute players.)
2. Teams should rotate players between offense and defense during each game to assure each child the opportunity to play both offense and defense.
3. Coaches are to ensure equal playing time for all players throughout the game. Players are not to be penalized with limited playing time.

### Game Time and Start of Play

1. All games shall consist of two 12-minute halves with one 5-minute halftime.
2. A coin flip shall determine which team will kickoff to begin the game.
3. All defending players must remain five yards away from the opening kickoff at the start of the game and at the start of the second half.

### Ball In and Out of Play

1. The ball must completely cross the sideline or goal line before becoming dead.
2. Any ball crossing the goal line (that does not count as a scored goal) shall be restarted as a goal kick regardless of which team last played the ball. **There shall be no corner kicks in Maple Valley's Pee-Wee Soccer League.**
3. There shall be no throw-ins to restart play. All throw-ins shall be converted to kick-ins taking place at the spot nearest where the ball crossed the boundary line. Opponents must remain at least five yards from the kicker during all free kicks.



### Offside

1. There shall be no offside rule enforced; however, players should be reminded of this rule and encouraged not to stand near the goal.

### Fouls

1. All fouls shall be awarded an INDIRECT FREE KICK (the ball must touch another player from either team before entering the goal.) **Free kicks entering the goal shall be restarted as a goal kick.**
  - a. Kicking
  - b. Tripping
  - c. Jumping at or Attempting to Jump at
  - d. Charging
  - e. Striking
  - f. Holding
  - g. Spitting
  - h. Deliberately Handling the Ball
  - i. **Slide Tackling**

### Yellow & Red Cards

1. Yellow and red cards shall not be used but coaches are encouraged to remove overly aggressive children from play as soon as possible.

### Penalty Kicks

1. There shall be no penalty kicks awarded. Fouls committed within the goal area will be restarted with an INDIRECT FREE KICK at the top of the goal area.

Parents/coaches, non-participating players, and spectators should be there to enjoy and encourage the activity of the youngsters. Unsporting behavior will not be tolerated and individuals will be removed from the Park.

Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on City property at all times (including all team meetings, team practices, and scheduled games.) Individuals with alcohol will be turned in to the City of Maple Valley Police Department.

Pee-Wee Soccer League Rules have been adapted from the official US Youth Soccer Rules which can be found at [www.usyouthsoccer.org](http://www.usyouthsoccer.org).